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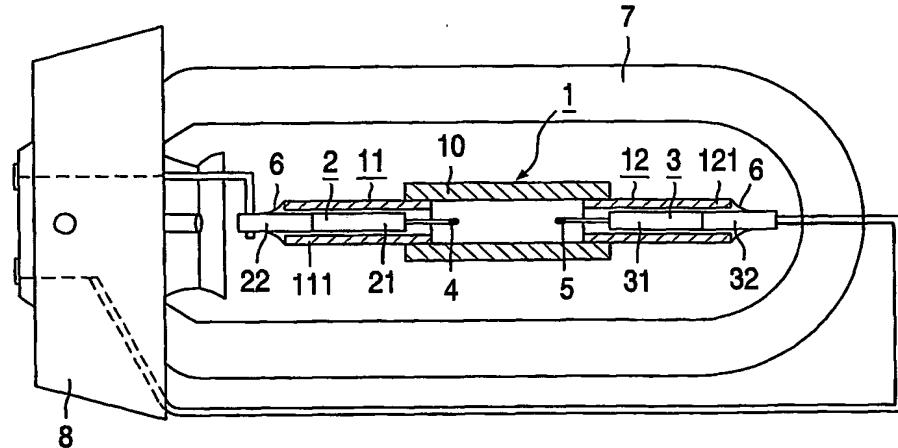
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(57) Abstract: Vehicle headlamp provided with a metal halide lamp comprising a discharge vessel surrounded with clearance by an outer envelope and having a ceramic wall which encloses a discharge space containing xenon (Xe) and an ionizable filling, wherein in said discharge space two electrodes are arranged whose tips have a mutual interspacing EA so as to define a discharge path between them, wherein the discharge vessel has an internal diameter Di at least over the distance EA, and wherein Di is smaller than or equal to 2 mm and the relation EA/Di is smaller than 6, with the special feature that said vehicle headlamp has not more than one band-shaped light-absorbing coating laterally of the discharge path.

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